

**PARAGONAH TOWN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
November 10, 2021 – 7:00 P.M**

Attendance/Town Board Members: Todd Robinson (Mayor), Mark Barton, Marge Cipkar, Trisha Robb, Mike Abbott

Others in Attendance: Eric Walker, Nancy Dalton (Chairperson – Planning and Zoning Committee), Colton Francis, Whitney Francis, J.T. O’Neal, William Fox, Liz Cravens, Pat Kirkpatrick, Jim Kirkpatrick, Tom Milk, Julia Hudson, Robert Hudson, Doug Hirschi, Byron Jenkins

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

1. Open Public Hearing – Todd Robinson, Mayor

2. Receive Public comments concerning Community Development Block Grant Program and allow for discussion of possible applications/projects – Todd

Robinson explained the purpose of this public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2022 funding cycle. The grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low- and moderate-income persons. The Five County Association of Governments, in which Paragonah Town is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$907,269 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Examples of eligible activities include construction of public works and facilities such as water and sewer lines and fire stations, acquisition of real property, and the provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. In the past Paragonah Town has received 2 CDBG grants. We handed out our capital investment plan as part of the regional “Consolidated Plan”. This list shows which projects the Paragonah Town has identified as needed in the community. Will anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes, we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during this hearing. J.T. O’Neal suggested using it to fix the intersections in town and putting in fire hydrants where needed or use it on some of the other water projects recommended in the Water Master Plan such as upgrading water lines, water rights, etc. Tom Milk also suggested using the money for water projects. Byron Jenkins suggested using the money to get the electronic signs for Main Street.

Todd Robinson asked if there were any more comment or suggestions. There were none.

3. Close Public Hearing – Mike Abbot moved to close the public hearing. Trisha Robb seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

REGULAR MEETING

4. Call Regular Meeting to Order – Todd Robinson, Mayor

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None declared.

6. Approve minutes of October 13, 2021, Regular Town Board meeting – Todd Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021, regular town board meeting as presented. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Canvass November 2, 2021, Election Results – Todd Robinson read the official results of Paragonah Town's November 2, 2021, Municipal General Election as follows: Registered voters: 372. Ballots cast: 227. Voter turnout 61.02%. Mayor (Vote for 1): Daniel K. Abbott 102 votes; R. Todd Robinson 124 votes. Paragonah Town Council (Vote for 2): Jessica (Jesse) Stewart 35 votes; Roger Jacobson 82 votes; Tom Milk 174 votes; Travis Isaacson 124 votes.

Trisha Robb moved to accept the Canvass of the November 2, 2021, Election Results as presented. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Follow-up on Wilderness Heights Subdivision Agreement – Discussion took place concerning the Wilderness Height Subdivision agreement. The original agreement signed in 1984 was reviewed. William Fox who owns property in this subdivision said he allowed a church group to use his cabin this summer and when they arrived there was no water available. The water was bypassing the subdivision which has happened in the past when the water gets high. He wants to make sure this does not happen again and would like the Town to check it regularly. Todd Robinson explained according to the agreement, it states the Town will allow the subdivision to divert 4-acre feet of water from our spring. It does not say the Town is responsible for maintaining their system and ensuring they are getting the water. Suggestion was made to have someone who lives in the subdivision check the system regularly. After much discussion the town board agreed they did not have a problem with Mr. Fox meeting with Dan at the

beginning of spring to go up and look to see if there are any problems, but the Town will not be responsible for checking it on a regular basis.

9. Discuss annexing property – Colton and Whitney Francis introduced themselves and said they are in the process of buying 10 acres of property from Ted Cooke and had a few questions about building and annexation requirements. Discussion took place concerning the one-acre foot of water requirement per lot f annexing into town. Paragonah does not provide out of town power and water hook-ups. If they decide to stay in the County they will have to contact Rocky Mountain Power and drill a well. Colton asked about the flood channel that was dug through the property. They are under contract and did not know anything about it until they came to look at the property today. Comment was made this was done by the County not the town. He will need to discuss this with Ted Cooke.

10. Mayor's Report – Todd Robinson reported Parowan is proposing selling the Fairground building to the County. Some people believe this means they will want to move the fair to Cedar City, but this is not true. The County has more funds available and could put the building to better use. Parowan owns the racetrack area and recently tore down the old stands and put in new ones. If the County takes over the building it will free up more funds for them to use on other projects such as a new swimming pool. The Carbon Free Power Project is moving forward. Todd reported the cost of power is increasing and the Town needs to increase our rates. He asked that the Power Board meet as soon as possible to discuss this.

a) Update and submit Community Impact Board (CIB) and Community Block Grant (CDBG) Application List – Suggestion was made to table this until next month.

b) Approval of funding for Well Siting Study – Todd Robinson said as discussed in previous meetings, it was decided one of the top priorities in the Water Department should be to drill a well so the Town will have a second source of water. If the Town Board would like to proceed with this project, Sunrise Engineering will provide a Well Siting Study for \$13000. The Town has funds available from the American Relief Plan Act to pay for this.

Mike Abbott moved to approve agreement with Sunrise Engineering to begin a Well Siting Study. Todd Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Water Department Report – Mike Abbott reported Dan Burgett spent a lot of time getting Wilderness Heights Subdivision back online. Also, a pipe broke up the canyon and currently Warm Spring is supplying us with water until it can be fixed. The system will need to be flushed before the other spring is put back online.

12. Power/Fire Department Reports – Mark Barton reported the transformers he ordered are coming tomorrow. The Fire Department is doing some training with Parowan.

13. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning Reports – Marge Cipkar had nothing to report for the Cemetery. The Planning and Zoning committee will be meeting next week.

14. Roads/Park/Building Reports – Trisha Robb reported UDOT conducted a speed study on Main Street and concluded the problem is not with the speed limit being too high but with speeding in general. They said we might be able to reduce it to 35. The reason Summit's is lower is because they are in the County. Trisha said she is looking into getting an electronic sign. It would be nice to have one on each end of town. The Town has about \$2000 in CARES Act funding that could be used to purchase one. This money needs to be spent by December 31st. Trisha also reported she looked into replacing the part on the slide at the park that is broken but that slide has been discontinued. We can get a whole new slide for \$5900 plus shipping, or just replace the whole piece of equipment for around \$12000.

15. Open Discussion: Dough Hirschi asked if the Town was planning on cleaning out the ditches around town before the next big flood hits. Comment was made that the ditches are owned by the Canal Company.

16. Adjourn Meeting/Review Financial Statements/Approve Bills – Todd Robinson moved to adjourn meeting, review financial statements and approve bills. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.